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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

BIGGEST NAVY IN THE WORLD.

WHAT AMERICA IS AIMING AT.

London, March 3.
The Times correspondent at New York says the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives is considering Rear Admiral Badger's programme, which is designed to give the United States the largest Navy in the world.

Rear Admiral Badger urges that battle-cruisers and dreadnoughts will remain the backbone of the Navy, with a constant tendency to get bigger.

The programme includes provision for two dreadnoughts, outclassing the British battleship Hood and vessels planned by the Japanese.

Rear Admiral Badger recommends vessels with a displacement of 44,000 tons, armed with 16-inch guns.

BRITISH BUILDING.

London, March 3.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Walter Long stated that one battle-cruiser, nine light cruisers, two flotilla leaders, eight torpedo-boats and thirteen submarines are being built for Britain.

THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK.

EXCESSIVE SPENDING BY BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

London, March 3.
The Times says the Supreme Council has been considering the draft of a manifesto dealing with the rise in prices and the necessity of restoring Germany's economic prosperity and the desirability of international peace, including peace with the Bolsheviks.

Lord Landsdowne, in a letter to Signor Nitti, advocated the waiving of the German indemnity.

Meanwhile a White Paper which has been published shows that the Governors of the Bank of England protest against continuous borrowing by the Government. The Daily Mail declares that the Government's excessive spending has reacted upon the new 5 per cent. Exchequer Bonds, which are only one-third subscribed and must consequently be accounted a failure.

PRINCE OF WALES' TOUR.

POSTPONED FOR ONE WEEK.

London, March 7.
It is officially announced that the departure of H.M.S. Renown has been unavoidably postponed, owing to an outbreak of influenza aboard the Renown, which is strictly quarantined. It is hoped that no fresh cases will occur.

The Prince of Wales intends to sail at the earliest possible moment. The whole of his engagements on the tour have been postponed a week, but there will be no further postponement unless absolutely necessitated by a continuance of the epidemic. The actual date of the sailing will be notified as soon as the ship is declared free of quarantine.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

PEACE POUPOULERS BEGUN.

London, March 3.
A Moscow wireless message says M. Janson, the accredited representative of the Peoples Commissary for Foreign Affairs, who is at present at Irkutsk, has been instructed to hand the Soviet peace proposals to Japanese Military Headquarters in Siberia and has agreed with the Japanese Government with regard to the time and place of the negotiations.

THE BOLSHIEVIST STEAM ROLLER.

SEVENTEEN THOUSAND PRISONERS TAKEN.

London, March 3.
A Bolshevik communique says the Reds in the Caucasus are advancing victoriously everywhere. They have reached the River Kagaknik and captured Yegorlytskon. The Caucasus Army during the past fortnight has taken prisoner 17,000 men. Denikin's Army is gradually dispersing.

INDIAN BUDGET DEFICIT.

THE COSTLY AFGHAN CAMPAIGN.

London, March 3.
The Indian Budget shows an estimated deficit of £14,250,000. The expenditure in connection with the Afghan War frontier operations was £14,750,000.

NO USE FOR EX-ENEMY TITLES.

London, March 3.
At the request of the undermentioned, the Gazette revokes the warrants entitling them to use foreign titles granted by countries recently warring against Britain:—Baron de Worms, Baron Percy de Worms, Baron de Forest, Baron Boxall, Baron Nugent, Baron William Schroder and Count Gurowski.

ANOTHER IRISH INCIDENT.

"VICEROY'S MAIL STOLEN."

London, March 3.
Masked armed men held up a mail van conveying letters from the Viceroy to the Government, in Dublin this morning and carried off all the letters.

CHINA'S PREMIER RESIGNS.

London, March 3.
According to a San Francisco advice, a wireless message received at Honolulu reports the resignation of the Chinese Premier, Chin Yun-Peng.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

U.S. SENATE AND PEACE TREATY.

"THE LATEST DECISION."

Washington, March 3.
The Senate, by 56 votes to 25, re-adopted the Republican reservation to the Treaty declaring that the United States has the right to decide all its domestic questions under the League of Nations. Repeated Democratic efforts to secure the passage of amendments failed. Fourteen Democrats voted with the Republicans, compared with eleven when the reservation was originally adopted.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

Washington, March 3.
Following on the Senate's re-adoption of the reservation giving a right to the United States to decide all its domestic questions under the League of Nations, the Senate has now re-adopted, unchanged, the reservation to the Peace Treaty relating to the Monroe Doctrine.

BOLSHIEVIST FOREIGN POLICY.

PROPOSED OPERATIONS IN THE ORIENT.

Paris, March 3.
According to a message from Warsaw, the Pravda, the official Bolshevik organ, says the future Soviet policy towards foreign countries was recently discussed at a Conference in Moscow between the Bolshevik leaders and different Army heads.

M. Trotsky proposed the temporary suspension of military operations in Europe and the initiation of operations against Persia, India and China.

The Chief of Staff opposed the suggestion and expressed the opinion that if troops were transferred to Asia, the Poles would start an offensive.

The subject was postponed, pending the ascertainment of M. Lenin's views.

A NEW LOAN.

BRITISH AND FRENCH UNDERTAKING.

London, March 6.
The Loan to which Mr. Chamberlain referred last evening was floated as the result of a visit to America by an Anglo-French Mission, following on the heavy fall in American exchange. Britain and France each assuming liability for \$250,000,000.
[The message containing Mr. Chamberlain's reference is not yet to hand.—Ed. H.K.T.]

FUTURE OF CONSTANTINOPLE.

London, March 6.
A meeting of the Council of the League of Nations Union passed a resolution in favour of the Government of Constantinople and the Straits coming under the control of the League of Nations.

U.S. RAILWAY WAGE PROBLEM.

Washington, March 3.
President Wilson has asked the Railway Executives and employees to select representatives to a bi-partisan Board, which will endeavour to agree to a solution of the railway wage problem under the Railroad Bill.

PRESIDENT WILSON CONVALESCENT.

Washington, March 3.
President Wilson, in a motor car, took his first outing since his illness.

EX-GERMAN STEAMER SUNK.

New York, March 3.
The ex-German steamer Prinz Joachim has sunk at the pier. The cause is being investigated.

FRENCH RAILWAYMEN.

THREATEN ANOTHER STRIKE.

Paris, March 3.
The Railwaymen's Union in Paris has issued a statement that it will resume the strike if its imprisoned comrades are not released.

PROHIBITION IN AMERICA.

A MILWAUKEE DECISION.

Milwaukee, March 3.
The Federal Court Judge has declared that the Wisconsin law allowing the sale of beer containing 2½ per cent. of alcohol is constitutional, but has reminded brewers that the war-time restriction will still operate.

ANOTHER BILL.

Trenton, March 3.
The Governor has signed the 3½ per cent. Beer Bill.

LATEST SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

EMPEROR OF ASIA.

A RECORD PASSENGER LIST.

Shanghai, March 8.
A record number of passengers—242—is arriving in Shanghai by the Empress of Asia on Tuesday night.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

CHINA AND RUSSIA.

Peking, March 2.
The Government, on receiving telegraphic information from Dr. Wellington Koo to the effect that the peace proposals made by the Russian Soviet Government have not been replied to by Great Britain and France and that China should be careful in dealing with the matter, has ordered the three Tsuchuns in the Eastern Provinces to express their opinion for the consideration of the Diplomatic Committee.

TAXATION OF GERMAN GOODS.

Shanghai, March 8.
It has been decided by the General Maritime Customs Department that all goods imported from Germany will be taxed in the same way as those from Non-Treaty countries.

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS DEFERRED.

Shanghai, March 8.
Owing to the question of the reorganisation of the Cabinet not being settled, the diplomatic questions as regards Shantung and Foochow are left in abeyance.

FORMER ENEMY SHIPS CHARTERED.

Shanghai, March 4.
The Yue Fung Co. has already signed a draft agreement with the Communications Department for the charter of the eleven ex-enemy merchant ships.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIA AND THE BORDER STATES.

Paris, March 4.
The "Temps" publishes information stating that the suggestion to invite the States bordering on Russia to conclude peace with the Soviets can scarcely be agreed to by the French Government. The "Temps" adds that the policy of the principal Allied Powers toward Sovietism in Russia was defined by the Declaration of London on February 24 last. It does not encourage the bordering States to continue war with the Soviet Government nor does it press them to treat with the latter. On the contrary it promises to give them all possible assistance if they are attacked by the Bolshevik army within the limits of their legitimate frontiers. It leaves them free to decide what best suits their situation and interests. That the principal Allied Powers, abandoning at the beginning of March the attitude taken in the last week of February should now wish to place bordering States in a position obliging them to treat with the Soviet Government, seems impossible.—Havas

FRENCH STRIKE ACTION APPROVED.

Paris, March 3.
The end of the strike led to a debate in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday. M. Daudet, Royalist Deputy for Paris, demanded what steps the Government intended to take to prevent similar strikes in future. M. Millerand replied that the Government was seeking to foster collaboration between employers and workmen but could only do this in peace. He added that the Bill giving trade unions full civil rights of ownership and control over their own property and funds would be returned from the Senate in a few days and he asked the Chamber to pass it unanimously. A motion approving the Government's action in the strike was passed by 503 votes to 75.—Havas



A U.S. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

Mr. A. Mitchell Palmer, Attorney General of the United States, has formally announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 5s/5½d.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast:—Cloudy. Barometer: 29.89. Temperature 2 p.m.:—63. Humidity 2 p.m.:—98.

RENT CONTROL.

MANILA'S LEAD TO HONGKONG.

Here's a lead which Hongkong might well follow:—

In line with the recommendation of the Governor General, Senator Guevara has introduced a Bill in the Philippine Senate for fixing 12 per cent. of the assessed valuation of a piece of real estate property as the maximum rate of rent on buildings located in cities and towns of the Philippines which are advertised for rent, with or without the land, and not more than 10 per cent. if it is a piece of land rented for building purposes.

The Justices of the Peace or the Courts of First Instance in any locality would be given the authority to look into protests made by any person in connection with the rent of residential buildings and to fix the rent within the prescribed limit of the proposed law. The judgment of a Justice of the Peace may be appealed to the Court of First Instance, and if still unsatisfactory, to the Supreme Court of the Philippines.

An important provision of the Bill provides for prohibition to be given to property owners to drive away the occupants of his property within a year counting from the time the property has been rented. This proviso, it is understood, is inserted in order to stop the practice of rent speculators from driving away their tenants to enable them to rent their property to other persons.

The Bill provides a penalty of a fine of P200 or imprisonment of not more than six months or both for persons violating the provisions of this measure. It further stipulates that contracts made between landlords and tenants before the passage of the Bill will not be affected by it unless the contract is renewed.

ANOTHER BUX FIGHT.

MASON'S CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

There is prospect of another early fight in which Iron Bux will figure.

Pte. Jack Mason, R.M.L.I., of H.M.S. Hawkins, yesterday issued a challenge to box any man in the Colony, any number of rounds, at 10 stone 10 lbs. give or take 4 lbs., for a side stake and purse, no-one barred, "Sky" Kerrison preferred.

This challenge has, we are now informed, been accepted by Iron Bux. The date of the fight has not yet been fixed.

Mason is the Middleweight Champion of the Colony, having won that honour on February 14th by defeating C.E.R.A. Lee in the third round.

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A PARTNERSHIP OF HAND
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A. M. Drysdale writes in the *Daily Chronicle* as follows:—
Most of us are lop-sided because we have cultivated only one half of ourselves, if so much.

Of all the deliberate attempts to educate a human being to the utmost of his capacity, that of James Mill, in the case of his son John Stuart, is the most notable, as the book in which it is described, "Autobiography," is, of all the son's books, the most valuable.

With almost superhuman devotion and self-sacrifice, James Mill applied himself to the magnificent task of making his son the perfect man at a date so early in the son's life that the son afterwards could not remember, for example, a time, at which he had been unable to understand Greek. Yet, though the product was an exceptionally educated and conspicuously useful man, John Stuart Mill himself, as unhappy a being as Carlyle, recognised that he was, after all, lop-sided, and in his last years he indulged in pathetic yearning for the development of certain faculties which his father's system had ignored. He was as lop-sided in one direction as the manual worker who is a manual worker and nothing more is in the other.

HANDS AND BRAINS.

Must we always be either manual workers or brain workers, and never both?

For the moment more attention is being given to redressing the balance in the case of the working man than in that of the brain worker—a convenient term comprehending all who do not work with their hands. The working men are now to have much more leisure than ever they had before, and wise people, like the Minister for Education, are discussing plans for enabling them to use their new leisure to good purpose. An increase of mere idleness is an increase of mischief, and it is an important social question how to teach the liberated manual worker to acquire an additional occupation which shall be at once different from his ordinary work and his ordinary play and as absorbing as both.

Burns is to be called again from his plough to write poetry, and Orator Hunt from his plough to make speeches, both under happier conditions. The continuation schools of the new Education Act and the adult classes of the Workers' Educational Association will give working men who desire it ample opportunity of adding to their handiness the development of their mental capacity.

TOWARDS COMPLETE
DEVELOPMENT.

But there is no corresponding provision for the complete development of the lop-sided brain worker. Two gentlemen the other day advertised for someone to teach them simple carpentry. Perhaps they are Bishops or members of the Cabinet. When the brain and the nerves are tired instinct itself

suggests constructive occupation of the hands as the remedy. But most brain workers, like the two advertisers, have never had any systematic instruction in handiwork, and there is little satisfaction in using the hands unskillfully or without a definite, tangible object.

How much less wretched all the melancholy and lopsided brainsters like Swift and Cowper, and Johnson might have been if they could have sat down and made themselves a weather-proof pair of shoes occasionally!

Let us all—perhaps not my generation, but some other which can be moulded, like Mill, from the very beginning—be equipped with two trades, a hand trade and a trade of liberty, not in order to upset the specialisation of industry and trade unionism, but to enable us to live our lives fully and in the round, to stand square to all the gales of circumstance.

NO MORE CLASS DISTINCTIONS.

One advantage of such a plan, as the shrewd will apprehend at once, would be the abrogation of the most odious of the class distinctions, the elevation of hand labour to the dignity of brain labour, and a readjustment of the wages discrimination as between the two. That however, is a remote and comparatively impersonal advantage. I think only of the individual expressing himself in his relaxation as in his work, developing the one side of his dual being equally with the other.

The men who are both hand workers and brain workers, like the people who habitually think and speak in two languages—the Welsh, the Channel Islanders, the Dutch in South Africa, for example—are quicker, more interesting, and more useful than those who are condemned to a single groove. They are also happier.

I need only add that I do not regard the two occupations which many women are now pursuing, without ever overtaking the second of them, as being in the least related to my programme. These women work for their livelihood all day, and, however tired they may be, find their housework demanding their attention in the evening. The second occupation in that case is not recreation, but hardship, and I hope some inspired person will arise to suggest a way out of or round it. My second occupation would be an occupation of liberty and choice.

£12,000 FOR A LONDON PASTOR.

Twelve thousand pounds and a valuable library, together with wines, spirits, and cigars have been left to the Rev. Bernard J. Snell, pastor of Brixton Independent Church, by Lady Tate, of Streatham. The testatrix was the widow of Sir Henry Tate, the sugar refiner and founder of the Tate Gallery. Her own estate is valued at £340,432, that of her husband having been £1,263,565. She gave many thousands of pounds to hospitals. Of the £12,000 left to Mr. Snell, £8,000 is for the purchase of an annuity.

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"SPORT-MAD."

THE BOOM IN AMERICA.

The high cost of sport is vying with the advance in the cost of living in the United States. Of this, striking examples have already been afforded in the international auction for the Carpenter-Dempsey contest. The same tendency prevails with proportionate strength in other fields of sport.

Where seemingly only yesterday a first-rate baseball player could be purchased from almost any club for \$25,000, the sum of \$125,000 has been given by the New York American League team to the Boston team of the same League for a mighty bat swinger—the champion home run-maker of the world—a man named "Babe" Ruth, despite the fact that he stands more than six feet, and weighs about 200 lb.

And the New York management, with what in sporting parlance is known as a "healthy bank roll," has further large sums to spend to obtain stars of the baseball game.

Ruth's salary is to be in the neighbourhood of \$20,000 a year, and, in addition, he will receive the large emoluments accruing from his services in Sunday exhibition games, which will mount well into thousands of dollars.

In passing, it may be understood that the baseball player is something of a gentleman of leisure for the greater part of the year, the baseball season lasting only about five months.

RED SPORTING BLOOD.

The horse-racing interests also are bidding high for stock. Only last month there came into New York from France a brood mare of noble lineage, so far as nobility obtains in horseflesh. No potentate could have travelled relatively in finer style.

A padded compartment to prevent hurts from the rolling seas; the best and softest of tanbark to ward off foot-soreness; the highest quality of straw bedding upon which to sleep, and five men to wait in attendance upon the traveller were provided for the animal and the foal at her side.

The American purchaser had speculated to the extent of \$200,000 upon the mare's future sons and daughters successfully sporting his silks over the American racecourses.

The people are sport mad. The war seemingly literally has put red sporting blood into the veins of young and old. Boxing bouts even with mediocre pugilists are drawing big crowds and at fancy prices for seats. Standing room generally is unobtainable at fights staged between champions or near-champions and the brand of boxer known as the "work-horse," who always gets a good facing for his temerity, and with it a small percentage of the box office receipts.

Baseball had a banner year, and the football season just ended never before witnessed such attendances despite the high tariffs for spectators, and the added war taxes, for the latter still are being plucked from ticket holders at the rate of 10 cents on the dollar.

THE COST.

The golfers at present are actually overflooded the links in the balmy regions of the South and the far West, and the tennis players likewise are holding high carnival. The hotel bills are the largest ever known, but the athletes refuse to be denied their pleasure on this account.

In the North and upper West the skaters, curlers, and ice yachtsmen are blessed with good ice after last season's absolutely open winter, and are taking advantage of it to the full. Indeed, in all categories of sport the United States has never before seen such spontaneity for competition.

And it is costly! Sporting goods of all classes have soared in price to almost unbelievable realms. The \$2 golf club of three years ago now brings \$5 and more; golf balls, once at 75 cents each, now fetch \$1.25, and tennis balls have risen similarly.

Racquets, ice skates, boxing gloves, and all the other things that go to make up the sportsman's layout are up in price all the way round, relatively from 85 to 150 per cent., while sporting jackets, "sweaters," sporting shoes, and the like long ago passed into the category of luxuries of the first water.

All in all, however, the American is paying the toll, and grinning. He is through with the war and is enjoying himself.

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EMPIRE PROBLEMS.

Of Britain's external problems, not the least thorny and difficult at the moment are those which concern Ireland, Egypt and India. All three are crying out for a measure of autonomous rule, and most sensible people agree that the demands must be met, in part at least. Few, however, are agreed about the methods to be adopted. In the case of India, a big step forward has been made by the new measure of partial self-government, which has been received with acclamation by the more loyal of the Indians who acknowledge the wonderful benefits which their country has enjoyed under British rule, even if it does not fully satisfy the extremists. Egypt is also getting some of her wishes met, though here again the more rabid of the Nationalists still clamour for more. Ireland appears the most difficult problem of all, and that fact must seem passing strange to foreigners who are apt to regard the inhabitants of the British Isles as all pretty much of a muchness and seldom think of the differentiating lines of nationality.

In considering this broad question of modes of government in the British Empire, we have always before us the case of the great Dominions of Canada, Australia and New Zealand, who enjoy complete self-government and prosper under it. Then, too, we think of how after Britain conquered the South African Boers, a new race came into the Empire. But the Boers had always been independent and were well practiced in the ways of freedom. Their two states, therefore, naturally united with the British South African colonies to found a joint self-government commonwealth. The experiment has been felicitous. The loyalty of General Botha and General Smuts, Boer leaders, to the British Empire during the World War, proved the success of British colonising methods in South Africa. But South African conditions do not prevail in Ireland, Egypt or India. Proximity to England complicates the Irish situation; lack of education is a danger to Egyptian self-government; jealousies among religious sects and strong caste feelings among the natives necessitate a cautious procedure in India. So it will readily be seen that the problems which have to be faced are not easy of settlement. Foreigners may, as they often do, advocate the placing of Ireland, Egypt and India on the same footing as the Great Dominions, but they forget that the conditions are not in any degree the same, and that what does for Canada and Australasia could not with wisdom be applied in the case of these other possessions.

Nevertheless, it is generally agreed that the days of paternal government are passing, if slowly. New methods of administration have to be found if the peoples of the British Empire are to be contented. Our statesmen are now experimenting in an effort to find that way. Self-government for Ireland and India have been promised, and a Commission is studying the Egyptian problem. Whether the first steps to be taken will prove successful remains to be seen. Chronic discontent has always destroyed the Empire that could not cure it. But Britain converted General Botha and General Smuts from enemies to saviours of the Empire. The racial problems in Ireland, Egypt and India, therefore, are surely not basically insoluble.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

CANNOT SOMETHING BE DONE?

We want to have a very plain talk about a very great public nuisance. We have referred to it before, but it seems as though nothing has been done in the matter towards effecting an improvement. Those who were in the vicinity of the Post Office just before one o'clock yesterday will bear us out when we state that a launch was lying alongside Blake Pier and pouring out volumes of dense black smoke which spread like a pall over the whole of the neighbouring streets, reaching up Pedder Street beyond the Hongkong Hotel. So far as we were able to see, not a thing was done to inform the launch staff that they were committing a breach of the local Ordinances and it was not until the launch moved away that the cloud became appreciably lessened. Why is it that the Police do not take some action to stop what constitutes a disgraceful nuisance? They have the power and yet launches continue to half choke all who are forced to be in the vicinity at the time of their illegal coaling. It seems inexplicable and it is high time that those occupying offices and shops near the Praya made representations to the Captain Superintendent to give them a little more protection. We hesitate to criticise or complain of anything in connection with the Police of the Colony just now, because it is evident that in most things it is working with considerable efficiency and to the general benefit of the community. For some reason this one thing is neglected. The Ordinance was designed to give residents protection, but it is absolutely inoperative. One or two cases brought before the Magistrate accompanied by some sharp fines would soon teach launch stokers that they cannot continue to drench the most central portion of the City in a cloud of filthy smoke. We confidently look forward to some action being taken. If it isn't, then there ought to be one or two people besides ourselves asking why.

PUBLIC OPINION.

Public opinion is a curious thing. It dethrones a man from favour one day and the next it puts him back into popularity with enthusiasm. Just a little more than twelve months ago Mr. Asquith, who had been the Old Country's most responsible political head during the first and most strenuous war period, was deprived of his seat in the House of Commons and was allowed to retire out of active public life with scarcely a murmur of disapproval. Most people said that it was a good thing he had lost his great influence, because they reasoned that he was getting too old for his job. But to-day we see him not only returned to the House by a really marvellous majority but we hear by Reuter that on his arrival in London he was given an almost unprecedentedly enthusiastic reception. Police had to afford him protection from the "ragging" crowds. Such a change must surely be taken as indicating a general modification of public opinion as regards the whole political situation at Home. Mr. Asquith stands for the old type of politician—the rather solid but scrupulously sure man, who reasons long before committing himself to any act. The times call for thought far more than for action, and it may be a good thing to feel the influence of this steady and steady politician, more especially as is now in opposition to the Government. Whatever may be the particular personal view regarding Mr. Asquith's politics, all men must agree that his return to the House of Commons is a gain of no small value.

DANGEROUS SAND.

The road round the Island is very naturally attracting a great many motorists, and on all week-end days there are many cars engaged in doing the trip. But it seems a pity that such a fine new road should have been allowed to be so badly cut up as it has been in two places between Tytam Tuk and Shauiwan. We noticed during the week-end that they are being repaired, and it is to be hoped that drivers will use these places with a little care. But motor cyclists have a very justifiable complaint to make. It is all very well to sand a road slightly to protect the surfacing, but to plaster on sand indiscriminately—especially at all the corners—is to render that road dangerous to all but four-wheeled traffic. On some of the corners the sand must be nearly

DAY BY DAY.

THERE IS EVERY EVIDENCE TO-DAY THAT IF YOU WANT MONEY, YOU DO NOT EARN IT: YOU HAVE TO "BAG" IT. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER IT IS DONE WITH "JEMMIES" OR WITH SHARES.—Mr. W. L. George.

According to the Swedish Government Gazette, Captain G. W. Olivecrona, Engineer-in-Chief to the Board of Conservancy Works of Kwangtung, has received his appointment as Major of the Royal Swedish Corps of Engineers.

In the Billiard Championship, Mr. Yvanovich yesterday defeated Mr. Parkes by 500 to 395. The winner made a break of 76 and the loser one of 33. Mr. Yvanovich will meet Mr. W. Hall in the semifinal. To-night, Mr. K. Kwok and Mr. W. E. Crocker play off.

The Hongkong Tramway Company's receipts for the week ended March 6th, totalled \$15,253 which is an increase of \$524 over the same week last year. For the ten weeks of the year, the total takings are \$143,178 which is a decrease of \$1,948 over the same period last year.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club against the 74th Punjab on Wednesday, 10th instant, at 5 p.m. on the U.S.R.C. ground: J. P. Jones, W. H. Edmonds, C. C. Hickling, M. L. Raiton, Rev. E. W. L. Martin, E. J. R. Mitchell, R. A. Brand, A. K. Mackenzie, E. L. Sim, J. V. Brax, B. D. Evans (capt).

A most attractive programme has been arranged for the concert to be given at the City Hall tomorrow by Professor Danenberg's pupils. Mrs. H. A. Jones is kindly assisting and will sing Ardit's "Se Saron Rose" and Theresa del Riego's "Happy Song." She has recently come to Hongkong with quite a reputation as a trained vocalist.

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1397, measuring 13,000 square feet, was yesterday put up at auction at the Offices of the Public Works Department and realised \$15,000, the upset price being \$13,000. The Crown rent is \$150 per annum and the lease is for a term of 75 years with an option of renewal. The purchaser was Mr. Cheung Pin.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—Colonial Government, \$300; St. Stephen's College, \$116.39; Mr. Ho Pik Shan, \$100; Bellios Public School, \$30 and \$20; Mr. Cheung Sum Woo, \$100; Mr. U. M. Omar, \$5.

The China Mail S.S. Co's steamer "China" having completed her repairs at Nagasaki will sail from that port direct for Hongkong on March 11th and may be expected to arrive at this port on or about March 15th. The steamer will then be dispatched from Hongkong on March 20th for San Francisco via Shanghai and Nagasaki, omitting the usual calls at Yokohama and Honolulu this trip.

A Trade Enquiry List issued by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, shows that American concerns are seeking Hongkong connections as listed below: Dental filling gold; bicycle supplies; electrical supplies; tools and hardware; machinery and automobile accessories; duplicating machines; pipe threading machines and dies; raw and finished skins, silk pie goods, etc.; detachable sprocket chain; automobile tires; paper; iron and steel products; import and export.

two inches deep, and it is very easy, even for those who do not motor-cycle, to imagine the risk that arises through the ruts of loose sand giving no stable support to the weight of a cyclist's machine. We have heard from several cyclists how they have narrowly escaped being thrown—in fact one was thrown not so very long ago. If the sand could be swept off and just a thin protective covering left, it would be a great deal better for all users, and would not affect the wear-resisting properties of the surface. Will the D.P.W. think about it, please?

CURRENT COIN.

[BY "MERCATOR."]

Realisation of a possible danger involves the taking of steps for its prevention. Human nature is so constituted. It is always easy to steer clear of coming troubles, by recognising them, and I hope that will be the course which the Government will follow this year regarding the possible scarcity of rice supplies in the Colony. The rice problem has not been solved entirely. A fortnight ago, a meeting of the non-officials of the Legislative Council was held to consider the situation. His Excellency put the facts regarding a possible world shortage of the cereal before the Members, and I am told that it was decided to watch the situation for the present. In all likelihood the Control system will come into operation in the Colony this year. We shall see to what extent the Government has gained experience from its past blunders. As a matter of common-sense, the Government is desirous of not interfering with the general and legitimate trade, but its duty in the present conditions of world shortage is to see that there is no recurrence of the distressing incidents of the previous year. The Government has to do its best to preserve the rights of the people, and an effort should be made to see that when the shortage becomes more acute that holders of stocks should not take advantage of their position to exact unusual profits. The shortage of rice in Burma and India amount to 14 million tons, while in Java and Siam the exportation of rice is prohibited. Japan, a rice-producing country, is now a heavy buyer. America is producing rice, but that is being consumed locally, and the demand from that country is insistent. During the last week no less than 8,000 tons of rice have been sold to America. These facts will come on the market soon and will in all probability exert a hardening tendency on the Exchange. Australia needs rice as well. The consumption per head per annum in Australia is four pounds. With all the optimism we possess a look at the facts in the case is worth while. So far no pinch has been felt in Hongkong, but one can see the situation being aggravated if an embargo is placed on rice exports from Saigon; for Saigon at present is one of our principal sources of supply for rice. However, we have quite a time to wait for the next Siamese harvest, and if there is then not enough rice to fill the needs of the Colony, then the only persons responsible will be those whose inaptitude has placed the consumers in a Fool's Paradise.

The most notable event of the week in the commercial world was the sharp decline in the sterling rate of exchange. This was principally due to the high cross rate and the drop in the price of silver. The Chinese have been buying heavily. There has also been a serious slump in the value of the American twenty gold dollar pieces, the price dropping within a fortnight in the Straits Settlements from 65 Straits dollars to 48. This is the result of the cessation of the demand from Calcutta. Already there is in the Colony about 200,000 "double eagles" in stock, aggregating in value to about HK. \$4,000,000. Apart from this, arrivals from America continue to be heavy. By the s.s. Nile there came to the Colony "double eagles" to the extent of 113,000, valued roughly at HK. 2,600,000. More of these gold pieces are expected by the Nanking, while Shanghai has been sending down here large quantities through native banks.

The balance sheets of many of our joint-stock companies show better trading results, and in the majority of cases dividends are an improvement on previous distributions. Whether this is a recognition by the Directors that shareholders have been starved or deprived of their legitimate dues in the past is not known for certain, but at any rate the recent dividends declared are an augury for good in the future. Docks and Lands have paid dividends which have satisfied their shareholders, while the results of the trading of the China Sugar Refining Company, Limited, for last year, have enabled the Directors to declare a dividend of \$25 per share. The prospects for the coming year, I am told, are very good, and will greatly eclipse the previous year's showing. The share market has been stagnant for

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

sometime, and hopes of cheaper money after the Chinese New Year have so far not fructified. Money is still tight, and the native banks, who have all along fed the local speculation in stocks and shares, are demanding very high rates of interest. These conditions cannot last long, and the cycle of cheaper money must set in sooner or later. The volume of business on the Stock Exchange has been cut down to a fibre margin. The bogey of a heavy settlement at the end of this month is probably frightening investors, who think that they could pick up stocks cheap. The March settlement is not a ponderous one and the opinion is held that before it falls due, the conditions of the money market would be such as to make higher prices of most of the favourite stocks quite probable.

The local metal market is quite firm. Within the last three months there has been an increase of thirty to forty per cent. in the prices of almost every class of metal. Shipments at present are uncertain. Price is not the determining factor in the metal market to-day. It is a question of service and delivery. The prices quoted by the Hongkong merchants show a decided upward tendency. After the signing of the Armistice all countries ceased to purchase metals. This lasted for six months. It suddenly dawned that the spot supplies were being quickly depleted. This knowledge seemed to have come to many markets at the same time, which caused a big demand. Shortly after this demand arose, the steel workers went on strike, both in England and in America. On top of this came the coal miners' strike, which demoralised all business, both in the States and at Home. These strikes are now happily over, but their effects will be felt for several more months. It is a fact that the efficiency in the steel mills cannot be restored unless the labourers have been working at the same character of work for many months. As a result of these strikes, the efficiency of all the mills have been kept down between 50 to 75 per cent. of the normal, and two workmen can accomplish a piece of work that one used to do previously. Hence the prices of materials have advanced greatly in Hongkong. This, together with the conditions prevailing in the manufacturing countries, will serve towards a sharp advance in all steel products. With the production far below normal and with the ever-increasing demand from all parts of the world as well as the domestic demands of the manufacturing countries it is difficult to state at this moment what the outcome of the steel situation will be. The Government of the United States are turning back the railways to private ownership, as before the war. It is generally believed that when this is done large orders will be placed for iron and steel, as the Railroad Administration took no steps towards repairs or rebuilding except those which were urgently needed. It is expected that under private ownership the railways will take immediate steps to place themselves under modern conditions, which will create a larger demand than ever for steel products.

There has been great secrecy preserved by the local American Banks regarding the amount of silver on which the American Treasury and the Federal Reserve Board arranged to send out to China to finance American business in this part of the world. I have tried to get this information from the Manager of the International Banking Corporation, which is acting for the American combine. Shanghai has given out the amounts already despatched, but I see that the *Financial America* has given the lie direct to it. It says: "Published reports of shipments of silver dollars to China, which give the total date as \$15,000,000 are incorrect, according to trustworthy authority. The shipments which are made under an agreement between the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve Board with the Asia Banking Corporation—the International Banking Corporation and the Park-Union Foreign Banking Corporation participating—will not be announced either as to the time of shipment or as to the amounts. The reason for the secrecy maintained with regard to shipments is because of the banking situation which exists in Shanghai and Hongkong. The financial machinery in neither of these cities is under

The explosion which wrecked an Edinburgh cork factory recently was probably caused by what is usually considered as harmless dust. Any dust that will burn can be made to explode under certain conditions. All that is necessary is that there shall be a mixture of air and dust in definite proportions. Some years ago three flour mills were destroyed as the result of a mysterious explosion, and experiments subsequently carried out left no possibility of doubt but that flour dust was the cause. It was demonstrated that two ounces of flour dust in a box containing two cubic feet of air could be exploded with sufficient force to upset two big men standing on the lid. From which it was calculated that about 200lb. of flour dust ignited in 4,000 cubic feet of air would throw a weight of 2,500 tons to a height of 100ft.

But for an audacious theft by an ambassador, Australian farmers might not be in the position to make such huge profits out of the demand for merino wool. In 1804 Captain John McArthur, the first settler to realise the possibilities of sheep-breeding in New South Wales, took eight merino sheep to Australia, where hitherto this variety of sheep was unknown. George III. gave them to McArthur, and Farmer George's merinos were the offspring of some stolen by the Spanish Ambassador in London from the famous Escorial flock of the kings of Spain. These were most jealously guarded, so as to preserve the monopoly for Spanish breeders; but his Majesty induced the lady to steal a pair (by deputy) and smuggle them into England. The inducement was a pair of cream-coloured horses on which her heart was set, and which cost the King £8,000.

David Holmes, the Canadian who is said to be the proud possessor of two hearts which work together in perfect harmony, is only one of many men whose physical equipment defies every recognised rule, and who are sore puzzles to the cleverest of doctors. Almost more remarkable is a well-known New Yorker who plays fast and loose with the laws of gravity, in a manner that would be quite incredible if it were not vouched for by the chief scientists in America and on the Continent. When this wonderful man steps on the weighing machine his weight grows at will to 200, 400, 600, and as high as 800 pounds, although he is a slight man whose apparent weight cannot be more than 120 pounds. Similarly, he can reduce his weight until it falls to that of a boy of ten. If he is agreeable, a man of average strength can pick him up and raise him in the air as lightly as if he were a schoolboy. At another moment half a dozen strong men cannot raise him an inch from the ground.

A floating bank, said to be the only institution of the kind in the world, has lately been installed on an American boat plying on the Detroit River, whose normal function is to deliver mail to passing vessels. The innovation has arisen out of a difficulty experienced by sailors on the Great Lakes in banking their savings. Their general custom has been to ask the captain or some other officer of their own ship to deposit part of their wages in a local bank. As the handling of the money thus entrusted to them involves considerable responsibility and is entirely outside their regular duties, many ships' officers naturally would like to be relieved from acting in the capacity of intermediaries between their crews and the banks. The Detroit postmaster is therefore trying the experiment of making the mail boat a branch establishment of the U.S. Postal Savings Bank, and the response already made gives promise that it will be quite successful.

the control of the Chinese Government, but is dominated by an outside interest. Full information with regard to the amount which will be shipped under the agreement, either as to amount or time might prove harmful to the object of the shipments, which is to stabilize the financial machinery in Chinese markets."

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AN ISLANDER'S DIARY.

(BY "AJAX")

Talk about the weather. I have never in all my days known anything like it. You are frozen up one moment and all of a glow the next. The weather of late has indeed been peculiar. Still the rains have kept away, and there is none of that depressing feeling that remained with us last month before and after the Annual Races. The week has been marked with more sing-song for our departing Colonial Secretary, this time by the Chinese community, who gave a dinner to the Hon. Mr. Claude Severn on Saturday night at the Kam Ling Hotel. It was an admirably arranged affair, and the gathering was a most convivial one. The Hon. Mr. Lau Chi Pak's speech was exhilarating in some parts, but the salient facts would have stood more distinctly had an able sub-editor been allowed to blue pencil it before the author made it. It is a pity he did not confine himself to the estimate that the Chinese community had formed of Mr. Severn as an administrator instead of referring to Mr. Severn's histrionic and musical abilities. Surely, these remarks were out of place at a Chinese dinner. What do the members of the Chinese community know of Mr. Severn as a musician, or as an artist? According to Mr. Lau:

"Of all the men one meets about. There's none like Claude—he's everywhere. At church-park-auction-dinner-rout. Go when and where you will, he's there. Try the bazaar, he's at your back. Meets you, like Eurys, in the East. You're called upon for 'How do, Jack?' One hundred times a day at least."

The following remarkable handbill was printed and stuck up once in several parts of the city of Dublin. "This is to certify that I, Daniel O'Flanagan, am not the person that was tarred and feathered by the liberty mob on Tuesday last; and I am ready to give twenty guineas to anyone that will bet me fifty that I am the other man that goes by that name. Witness my hand this 30th day of July.—Dan. O'Flanagan." Mr. Severn must have felt a desire to publish such a poster when Mr. Lau Chi Pak began recounting his many superlative qualities. I am glad to see that Mr. Severn was modest in his reply. There is a Chinese proverb which says that exaggeration is to paint a snake and add legs. The Hon. Mr. Ho Fook allowed himself to fall into a little error. He imagined that the "representatives of the Army, Navy and Commerce" were the guests of the evening. It so happened that those gentlemen whom he spoke of as being present were really absent, which gave His Excellency an opportunity to make a little fun of Mr. Ho Fook's remarks. The late Dave Carson had some lines in his celebrated song in which he hit off the situation. They run: "I am always just what please, Burra Sahibs to whom I talk, Sometimes Christian, sometimes heathen, Sometimes cheese, and sometimes chalk."

However, the Chinese dinner was a pronounced success in any respects and reflected the greatest credit on the Committee, especially Mr. Kotewall, who worked indefatigably to make

it a representative affair. A good many of the guests remarked on this. Mr. Kotewall's career has been meteoric, and seldom has a man risen so rapidly as has been the good luck of Mr. Kotewall to do. Mr. Kotewall has made a first-class business man, and it is an open secret that the leading Chinese are often obliged to seek his opinion on many an important public question. His services to the Chinese General Chambers of Commerce have been recognised on several occasions. The idea of giving a dinner to the Hon. Mr. Severn was, however, not his and it was after the announcement made by the Chinese that the idea was adopted by the General Chamber of Commerce.

The Hon. Mr. Lau's speech was the best he has ever made, both in delivery and in substance. It was remarked openly that it was the most eloquent after-dinner speech ever made by a member of the Chinese community in Hongkong. Seldom have I heard a Chinese gentleman speak with such flow and easy delivery.

Benjamin Disraeli, as often in other matters of policy, had the last word to say on the subject of Exchange in his "Endymion", where one of his characters, Epoch, remarks: "I do not care one jot about currency, and, so far as I can judge, the Birmingham chaps talk a deal of nonsense on the matter." Exchange is such a complex subject that few would condescend to tell you what is going to happen in the course of the next week. By that I mean, no sensible person would commit himself to making any forecast. The sudden drop of four pence on Saturday gave most of us a panicky feeling. The news made many dizzy. Violent falls and rises may continue for another year or so. As the exchange rate between London and New York falls the price of silver increases, and the value of the dollar in comparison with the pound, sterling rises. The American exchange rate is the key to the whole situation. Remedies for the existing state of affairs must be obvious to anyone who has studied the problem. They are rigid Government retrenchment, increased home production with a fall in price and narrow margins of profits. It is interesting to have it on good authority that one of the causes of the high price of silver is woman's vanity. The manufacturing consumption of silver for tableware in the United States is exceeding all records. Messrs. Samuel Montague and Co. explain this increase in the demand for silver by philosophically asserting that "it has always been the ambition of the wives of working men to possess silver teapots." Hence the five-and-a-half bob dollar. It will interest many people to know why silver has recently dropped. The cause, it appears, is the unprecedented quantity of refinable silver which has recently been offered for sale at Home. This refinable silver is almost certainly the product of German and other coin, melted down abroad, and sent to England for refining and realization.

Our philanthropic landed proprietor, Mr. Henry Humphreys, is shortly going Home on long leave. In the meantime the tenants of many of his buildings have been called upon to pay enhanced rents. Well may Mr. Humphreys say in the words of the well-known country curate: "I explained to you in my last charity sermon that philanthropy was not the love of our species. I am glad you have not misunderstood me to say specie. That you are no longer labouring under any such delusion, you will, I hope prove so by your present contribution."

BASKET BALL.

YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

An American game which has found much favour with the schools of the Colony is basket ball, and yesterday witnessed the winding up of the game's first League season in Hongkong, when Queen's College, the winners in both the Senior and Junior divisions, were presented with the trophies, a challenge shield and a handsome cup. The presentation was preceded by two interesting exhibition matches between the winning teams and two teams drawn from the rest of the Students' Basketball League. In both events the Queen's College teams won easily by 12-10 and 12-9 respectively.

A keen supporter of the same is the Hon. Mr. Claude Severn who in presenting the trophies to the Queen's College teams said that he had been asked to present the trophies won in the first season of the Students' Basketball League by students—large and small.—Laughter! It was a great honour and he was glad to have the opportunity of doing so before he left the Colony. He had witnessed several good games but he thought this was the best. He was glad that it had been possible to form a Hongkong open League to follow the Students' League thus giving an opportunity of widening the circle of players. The matches of the open League were expected to be finished at the end of April so as to leave the summer free for Volley Ball. Mr. Severn said he was sure that both Leagues would flourish and he hoped when he returned to the Colony to find both Leagues in full swing. He was grateful to Mr. T. Mackintosh for presenting the handsome shield and to the Students' League for presenting the Challenge Cup for small boys. In handing the shield over to Queen's College Mr. Severn remarked that the College had certainly done very well. It would have to lose the services of D. Lang next season, but he hoped others would rise to take his place. Mr. Severn congratulated the Junior Division of the League and wished them every success.

Cheers for Mr. Severn wound up the proceedings.

The following have entered for the Hongkong Open Basketball League, the matches of which will be played at the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium—Queen's College (two teams), Hongkong University (two teams), South China Athletic Club, Y.M.C.A. Indian Recreation Club, American Athletic Club and U.S.S. Helena. The first match, Y.M.C.A. v. I.R.C., will be played at 7.30 p.m. to-day and at 8.30 p.m. South China Athletic meets University "A". At 6.15 p.m. on Wednesday the American Athletic Club meets Queen's College (White), and at 7.30 p.m. U.S.S. Helena meets University "B".

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

FIRST ANNUAL DINNER.

The first annual dinner of the St. Stephen's College Association was held on Saturday night. Owing to the banquet to Hon. Mr. Claude Severn being on the same night some prominent members were absent. The toast was proposed by Mr. Chan Tsun Nin, Dr. T. P. Woo, Messrs C. F. Woon and K. C. Chan, the latter being a School prefect. Others present included the Warden (Rev. W. H. Howitt), Archdeacon Barnett, Messrs J. P. Jones, Lo Sui Nin, Li Hoi Tung, Fung Man Sui, Wan Lu Shing, Chung Wing Kui, Dr. Woo Loy Kung, Prof. Lai Tsia Hei, Rev. C. B. Shann, and Mr R. W. Barney of the University Staff; and many others prominent in educational and business circles in Hongkong, Canton, and Macao.

Mr. Chau Tsun Nin said that St. Stephen's College owed much to Archdeacon Barnett, its real founder. To him was largely due the position now held by the College in the forefront of the schools of the Far East. The aim and ideal of St. Stephen's was to give a thorough education, which should strengthen the students physically, mentally, and morally. To the present Warden must be ascribed the efficiency and success of the college at the present time.

Dr. T. P. Woo emphasized the variety of successes achieved by old students in the scholastic world, in politics, in professional and business life and in athletics.

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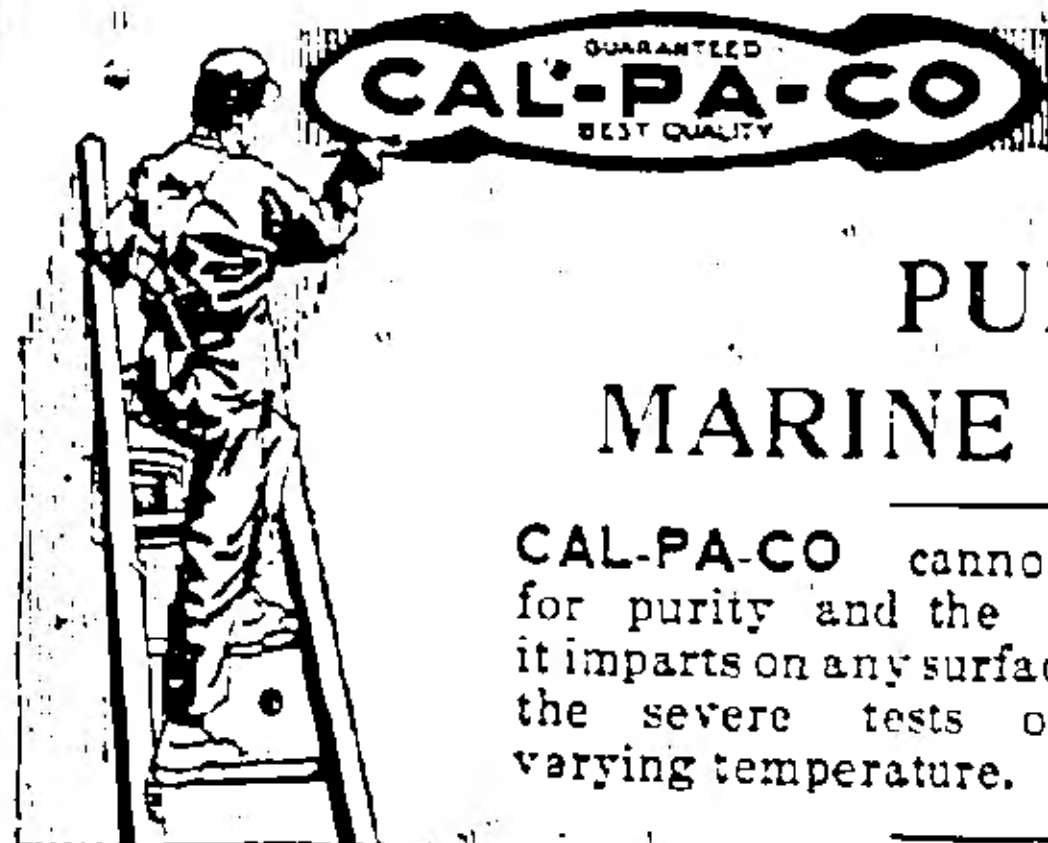
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To place to Depreciation and Repairs Account.....25,000.00
To place to Allowance for claims and bad account.....15,000.00
To pay bonus to staff.....2,867.00
To pay a Dividend of 7% or 70 cents per share.....87,500.00
To carry forward to the credit of next year's account.....10,222.77

Old boys of St. Stephen's were to be met in every part of the world. After the dinner a most enthusiastic annual meeting concluded the evening. More than thirty Life Membership forms were handed in, and about 150 members took part in the Ballot. Representatives from Great Britain, from Canton and from Macao promised to organise Branches in these places on the lines of the Branches already established in Canada, and the United States. Generous promises of financial aid were made for that part of the St. Stephen's College Association in Hongkong.

ORGAN RECITAL.

We have seldom, if ever, seen a larger assembly at an organ recital in St. John's Cathedral than that which gathered last night, when Mr. Denman Fuller gave the first of a series on his return to the Colony. The programme was excellently varied and the items were such as to display the all-round ability of the organist. Bach's Fantasia and Fugue in G. Minor was magnificently handled, the pedal work being very finely done, whilst Grieg's Hyndings Marsch received a breadth of treatment which gave some idea of the capacities of the organ and the interpretative skill of Mr. Fuller. Lemmen's "The Storm," so well-known as a showy organ piece, was also beautifully played. The lighter numbers were very artistically rendered. Music-lovers will await with much interest the next recital.

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THE WORLD WIDE DEMAND FOR OIL FUEL.

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comprehensive programme of

development. Though but three

months old, the company has

decided to adopt an elaborate

boring programme for additional

oil supplies from its Mexican

properties, while it is also

stated that the directors are

negotiating for the control of

other large oil-producing and re-

fining interests. The company

has now made contracts with

British shipbuilding firms for a

continuous output of oil tankers

to augment these it at present

possesses, and such work is to

proceed for a number of years, at

the end of which time the com-

pany will possess a fleet of over

one hundred oil vessels, all of

over 10,000 tons capacity. For

the purpose of the effective ocean

transport of the huge quantities

of oil fuel which the company

already owns, the first subsidiary

concern will be launched in a few

weeks' time. This will be Tankers

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will be largely interested. By

reason of the intimate association

with the company of Messrs. L.

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and coal bunkering firm, the

Scottish-American Company will

be in a very advantageous position

in regard to oil fuel depots on the

main ocean routes of the world;

these are to be established along-

side the coaling stations of

Messrs. L. Gueret, so that vessels

may take aboard whichever fuel

they desire.

MERCANTILE MARINE WAR SERVICE MEDALS.

It is common knowledge that

the conditions prescribed by the

Admiralty for the award of War

Service Medals to the members of

the Mercantile Marine have

occasioned great dissatisfaction

in seafaring circles, owing to the

invidious and unfair distinctions

which they make. The matter,

however, is not going to be

allowed to pass unchallenged, and

the secretary of the Imperial

Mercantile Service Guild has

written to the Secretary of the

Admiralty pointing out the dis-

satisfaction which has been

created. It has been laid down

that neither the 1914-15 Decora-

tion nor the Victory Medal are to

be granted to the Merchant

Service, except in so far as those

officers and men who served under

special naval engagements—

Form T124 and its variants—are

concerned. The secretary points

out that it may thus well happen

that an officer, for instance, who

served part of the time under

special naval engagements, and

the rest of the time at sea during

the war under ordinary Board of

Trade articles, will receive no

less than four decorations, as

against only two granted to the

officer who has served throughout

the war on Board of Trade articles,

and possibly—as in very many

cases—trading throughout that

time constantly in the danger

zone. The Guild further points

out that the 1914-15 Decoration

has been granted to every section

of the combatant and non-com-

batant forces who took part in the

war within the prescribed dates,

with the exception of the

Mercantile Service, even those who

served in the Y.M.C.A. having

been awarded the decoration some

months ago by the War Office.

"Surely," adds the secretary,

"their services, however, estim-

able, cannot be compared with

those of the Merchant Service,

without which, it has been

admitted on all hands, victory

would have been impossible." It

is, unhappily, the fate of some

officers of the Mercantile Marine

not to survive to wear the decorations

to which their services in the

war have entitled them. A

sad example of this is the case

of Captain James M. Eaton,

of Arbroath, an old

and valued member, who,

on 17th January, 1919, was

awarded the Distinguished Service

Cross "in recognition of his

zeal and devotion during the

war." More than a year has

elapsed since then, and the actual

medal never reached Captain

Eaton, who died on the 23rd

April last. In a letter to the

deceased master's son points out

that it is now nearly three years

since the honour was earned, and

the Secretary has written to the

Admiralty with a view to having

the Distinguished Service Cross

handed to Captain Eaton's son.

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HAIPHONG via Hoihow Taksang Sat., 13th Mar. at 8 a.m.

TIENTSINCheongshing Sun., 14th Mar. at d'light.

KOBENamsang Wed., 17th Mar. at 5 p.m.

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"SAIGON MARU" ... Thursday, 11th March.

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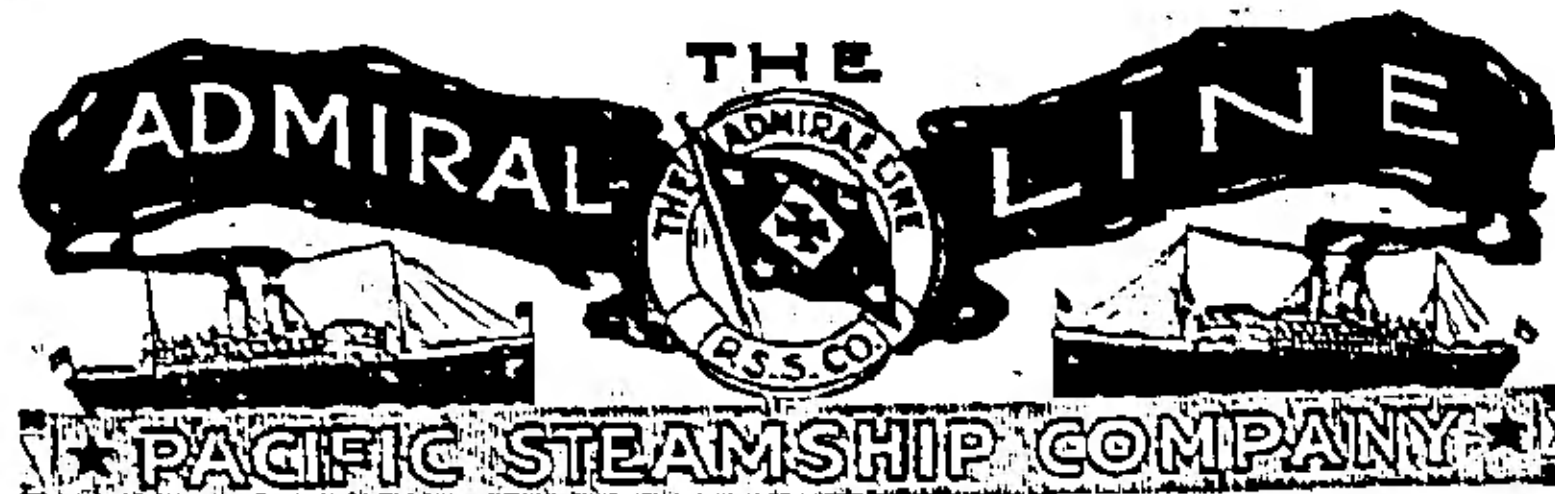
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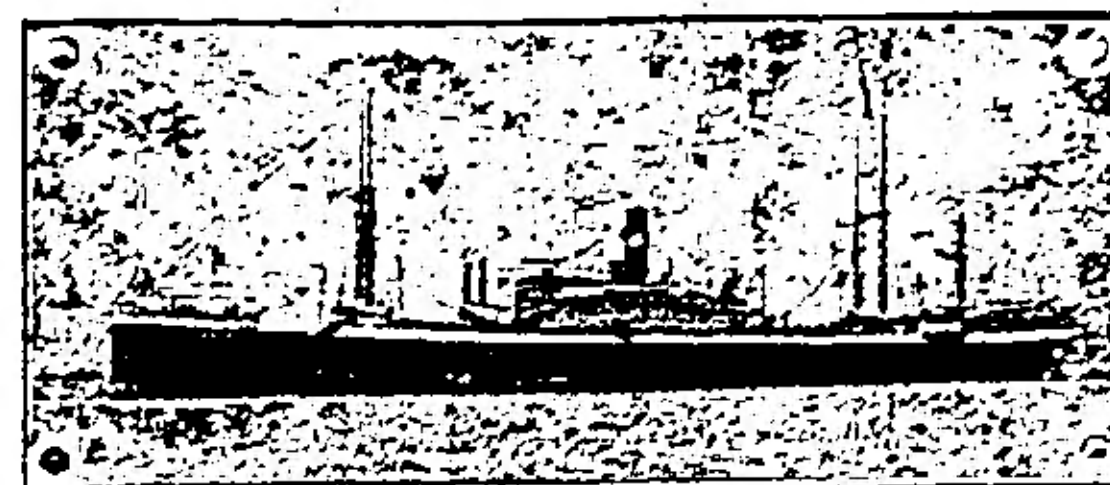
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Takada	P. & O.	Mar. 14
Swazi	B. L.	Mar. 15
West Mingo	A. L.	Mar. 15
Shinyo M.	N. Y. K.	Mar. 17
Fushimi M.	N. Y. K.	Mar. 17
Elkton	A. L.	Mar. 17
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Glymont	R. D. Co.	Mar. 22
West Ira	D. R. Co.	Mar. 22
Nanking	C. M. Co.	Mar. 23
Monteagle	C. P. O. S.	Mar. 23
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Charlton Hall	B. L.	Mar. 26
E. of Japan	C. P. O. S.	Mar. 29
Pawlett	A. L.	Mar. 29
Changsha	B. & S.	Mar. 29
Tacoma M.	O. S. K.	Mar. 31
Tosa M.	N. Y. K.	Mar. 31
Genoa M.	N. Y. K.	Mar. 31
Shinyo M.	N. Y. K.	Apr. 1
Siberia M.	T. K. K.	Apr. 1
Eldridge	A. L.	Apr. 2
Arabia M.	O. S. K.	Apr. 6
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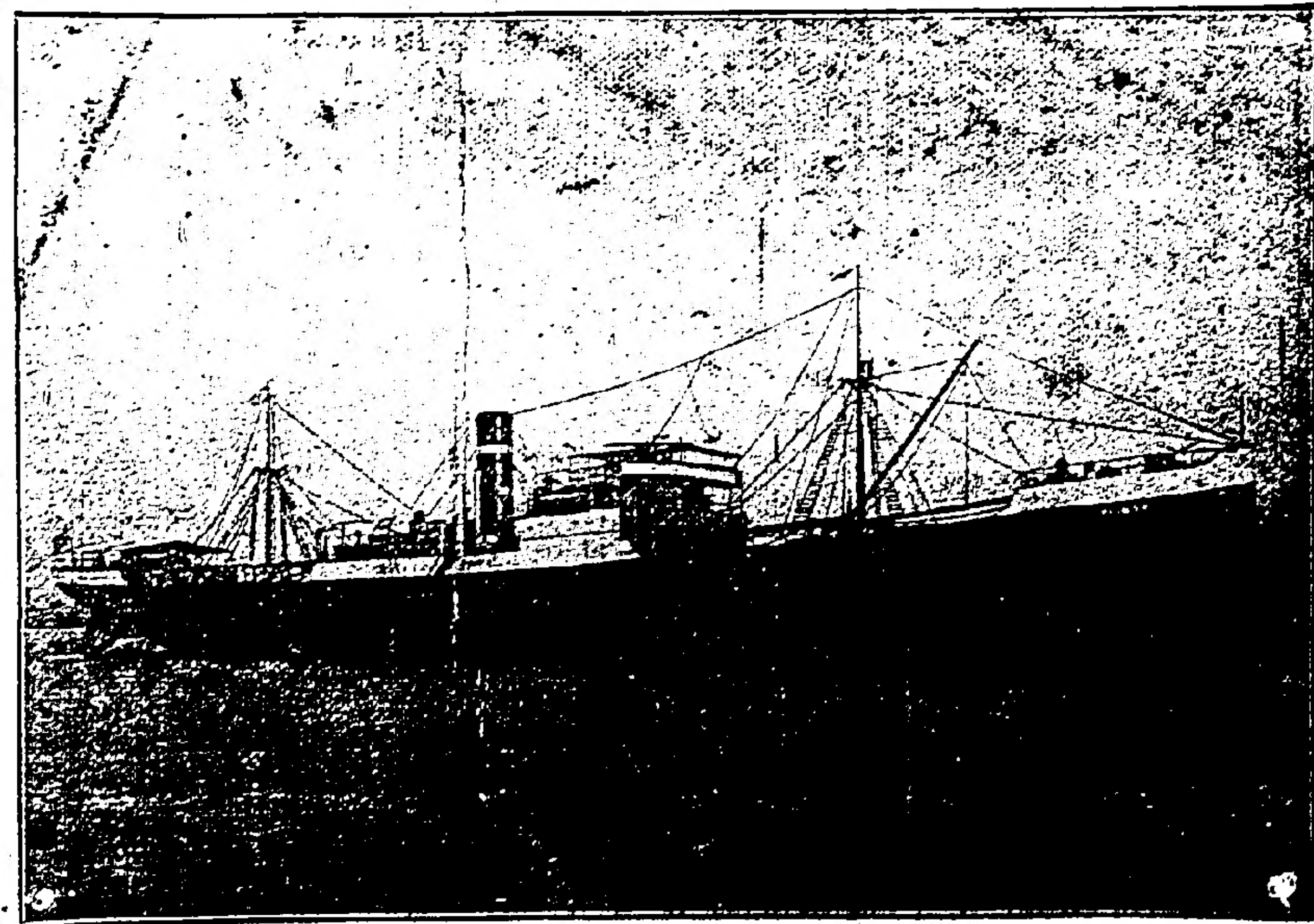
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Choysang	J. M. Co.	Mar. 12
Taksang	J. M. Co.	Mar. 13
Kueichow	B. & S.	Mar. 13
Soshu	O. S. K.	Mar. 13
Cheongshing	J. M. Co.	Mar. 14
Amakusa	O. S. K.	Mar. 14
Tjitaroem	J. C. J. L.	Mar. 15
Arratoon A.	P. & O.	Mar. 16
Haibong	D. L. Co.	Mar. 16
Namsang	J. M. Co.	Mar. 17
Madras	P. & O.	Mar. 17
Laisang	J. M. Co.	Mar. 23
Hakodate	N. Y. K.	Mar. 23
Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	Mar. 24
Hinsang	J. M. Co.	Mar. 27
Pakhol	B. & S.	Mar. 27
Persia M.	N. Y. K.	Apr. 19
Suwa M.	N. Y. K.	May. 2
Kiyo M.	T. K. K.	July 12
Unnan M.	O. S. K.	Apr. 1
Jason	B. L.	Apr. 10
Katori M.	N. Y. K.	Apr. 13
Aki M.	N. Y. K.	Apr. 17
Nikko	N. Y. K.	Apr. 21
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Ganger M.	O. S. K.	M. Apr.

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PATERNAL ADVICE.

FROM A HONGKONG MAGISTRATE.

"You are a very bad boy. If you go on like this, I am sure something serious will happen to you. As you get bigger you will commit more offences, if you don't take care. If you don't turn over a new leaf, it will go hard with you and you will be sent to prison. You must try to be better in the future. You must find proper work. Try to be a decent man and every man in the town will respect you. If you come here again, you will be severely punished indeed, and after your term of imprisonment you will be deported. I am going to give you one more chance; you will get six strokes of the cane."

The person to whom this stern magisterial admonition was directed was a small boy, about 12 years of age, whose sharp sparkling eyes peered over the railings of the dock at the Magistrate, (Mr. E. A. Irving) as his Worship spoke. Arrested for the larceny of two candlesticks from the verandah of a house at Wanchai, he is alleged to be the ringleader of a band of young rogues whose headquarters were raided by the Wanchai Police the other day. Two of the embryo criminals made their escape, but the prisoner and another boy were apprehended. The Police, by the order of the Magistrate at a previous hearing of the case, located the prisoner's mother, who stated that she had given up hopes of her son ever becoming an honest man. He had been away from home for nine months and where he had gone to, and in what way he supported himself, were questions which she could not answer.

To the other boy who, in consequence of his statement that he had been induced by his companion to become a criminal, was allowed to turn King's witness in the case, Mr. Irving delivered a similar lecture. Last he should think himself an injured martyr, his Worship said: "I believe you are just as bad as the other boy. Fortunately for you, the Police are not prosecuting. Your face is known to the Police; they can recognise you again."

"The sins of the children are visited on the father." The father of this young criminal was also hauled up before the Magistrate who spoke in this wise: "You are not a father at all, to bring up your son like this. It is very disgraceful. Why don't you send your son to school?"

The sorrowing father replied: "I am very poor, your Worship. I cannot send my son to school."

His Worship: "Why don't you find him some respectable work to do? Don't let your son be sent to Court again. You will have to answer for your son if he is brought up to Court again. The boy is only 13 years old, and if he steals, it is you who will be responsible, and not your boy."

MISSING MAILS.

ONE BATCH RECEIVED.

The earlier of the two missing batches of mails which were dispatched by the postal authorities at Home between the dates of 8th and 14th January reached here on Saturday by the blue Funnel liner Titan. As showing the carelessness of those who were concerned in the dispatching of these mails, it may be mentioned that in accordance with their usual practice, they forgot the mails after having got them off their hands, and as a consequence were not aware of the fact that the sailing date of the Titan from England was postponed some ten days. The officials here expect to receive the other missing batch of mails by the Jason, which arrives in port to-night.

GOLF CLUB.

LADIES' SECTION.

The cups kindly presented by the Ladies' Committee of 1919 (Foursomes) to be played for over the big course at Fanling, have been won by Miss Grimble and Miss Hewitt with a nett score of 95.

The cup kindly presented by Mrs. John W. Taylor and played for over the big course at Fanling on 19th February was won by Mrs. Kilgour—3 down on bogey.

DAY BY DAY.

The wife and daughter of Rear Admiral Borrett, of H.M.S. Cairo, are arriving by the Khiva tomorrow and will put up at the Hongkong Hotel.

The following message has been received from Gap Rock Light-house by the Harbour Master: "Gap Rock S. 45 E. distance 7 miles, fishing boat bottom up."

The s.s. War Singer, the oil tanker, left this morning for Borneo and oil ports. There is another standard ship finishing at the Kowloon Docks and two more at the Taikoo Docks.

A Chinese woman who was charged with having 23 tael of non-Government opium was today remanded at the Police Court on the application of her solicitor, Mr. Lyson. Bail was allowed in the sum of \$500.

Silver to-day is down 1/8d. for ready, but the forward rate is unchanged. The market locally is weak, the Chinese again commencing to buy. As the Banks have not sufficient cover, they are quoting 3/4d. under the rate. The cross-rate between London and New York has gone down to 3/55 1/2.

Michael John Tracey, a seaman of the steamer Sagaporack, who was charged with being drunk and disorderly, was at the Police Court to-day discharged by the Magistrate (Mr. N. L. Smith), who was informed by Inspector Davitt that the defendant's ship was leaving with him and there was no necessity to proceed with the charge. Tracey had pleaded not guilty.

When a Chinese woman was charged with obstructing the roadway by depositing five baskets in a road in the Central district, it was stated by the Police officer in charge of the case that she was a great nuisance to the Colony. On one day he arrested her twice and the next day she started committing the same offence. He believed she was "wrong in the head," and on one occasion she scratched the face of the policeman who attempted to arrest her. At other times she was passive and allowed herself to be led to the Police Station. The Police officer suggested sending for her husband to take charge of her.

HONGKONG FUND.

FOR WAR DEVASTATED VILLAGES IN FRANCE.

Since last publication the following donations have been received and are gratefully acknowledged:—

Hongkong & Kowloon Sketch Club...	\$ 100
Chun On Fire Insurance Co. Ltd.	50
Hongkong and Kowloon Land and Loan Co., Ltd.	50
Mr. Chiu U Tin	25
Mr. Chau Siu Ki	25
Mr. Sum Pak Ming	25
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Mr. H. Krebs	50
Mr. E. Hausmann	30
Mr. W. Saenger	10
Mr. C. Geiger	10
Mr. O. Stutz	10
Mr. A. Germann	10
Mr. A. Ducomton	5
Per Mrs. Frost	22

Already acknowledged \$11,376.26

\$11,843.26

The Fund is now finally closed.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

During last week there were fifteen deaths in Hongkong from influenza, all being Chinese. The communicable diseases notified were five cases of cerebro-spinal fever (two fatal), three of enteric (one fatal) and two non-fatal cases of small-pox. The two last-named were respectively British and Indian, both imported, there was one British case of enteric, and all the other occurrences were Chinese.

For the 18 hours ended yesterday the cases notified were one each of small-pox and diphtheria, both British and both non-fatal; as well as three Chinese cases of cerebro-spinal fever, of which two were fatal.

BUX-KERRISON FIGHT.

ANOTHER VIEWPOINT.

We have received the following for publication:—

Sir,—I have read with much interest the various opinions expressed through the columns of the local Press about the decision of the referee in the recent Kerrison-Bux fight. Having seen fights in all parts of America and actually taken part and refereed in a few of them, I have no hesitation in saying that the decision (a draw) was absolutely correct.

I was at the ringside and recorded the points scored in each round. My score made Bux, at the conclusion of the fifteen rounds, one point to the good. I noticed particularly that Kerrison did not make the same use of his left that British boxers as a rule are accustomed to, and I wondered. He made a great disturbance with his left in the first and second rounds, but after that he seemed to fight with one hand, i.e. the right.

At the conclusion of the fight I saw Kerrison's right arm and hand and I no longer wondered at his not having passed out the dope with it. I was surprised at the extraordinary and amazing pluck and grit shown throughout the fight.

I have read nothing but abuse of the referee and his supposedly wrong decision for the last few days—not a word of praise for Kerrison. I recommend that each of the papers should send a representative to Kerrison and examine his left hand and arm, because I consider that Britishers should be made acquainted with the true facts, for it was one of the finest exhibitions of pluck it has ever been my privilege to witness—the kind of pluck and grit that undoubtedly went a long way towards winning the war.

Enclosing my card,

Yours etc.

AN AMERICAN.

Hongkong, March 8, 1920.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

FRANCE AND THE EXCHANGE PROBLEM.

Paris, Jan. 27.—The managing director of one of the most important British banks operating in France has given an account to the *Economist* of the exchange problem as regarded by several British financiers. "France and Great Britain," he pointed out, "are debtors to America." The control of finance has passed into American hands owing to the heavy debts which France and Great Britain have contracted. Any movement to improve the French and British exchanges must therefore emanate from America, but in order to improve the French exchange in Great Britain and America French and British financiers would like to see France issue a statement of her expenditure and revenue so as to enable them to gauge accurately her present financial position. This measure would enable financiers to see how France may balance her Budget."

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL.

Matches played on January 24 resulted as follows:—

SCOTTISH CUP—FIRST ROUND.	
Heart of Mid. 5 Nithsdale W. 1	
Galston 0 Hibernians 0	
Rangers 0 Dumbarton 0	
Dundee 1 Aldrieonians 1	
Partick Ths. 3 Motherwell 0	
Queen's Park 2 Hamilton A.C. 0	
Stevenston U. 1 St. Mirren 2	
Armadale 1 Celtic 1	
*Cowdenbeath 0 Aberdeen 1	
Third Lanark 4 Inverness C. 1	
Morton 4 Forfar Ath 0	
East Fife 4 Arthurlie 0	
Lochgelly U. 2 Clachnacund 0	
East Stirling 6 Thornhill 0	
Dumbarton H. 0 Alloa Ath 0	
Royal Albert 7 Forres Mec. 0	
Albion Rovers 0 Dykehead 0	

SECOND ROUND.
St. Bernard's 2 Bathgate 0
* Match abandoned.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.
Clydebank 2 Celtic 0
Kilmarnock 2 Raith Rovers 0

CENTRAL LEAGUE.
Bo'ness 3 King's Park 0
Broxburn U. 3 Stenhousemuir 1
Clackmannan 1 Dunfermline 1

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WEDNESDAY, March 10th.—TEA DANCING from 4 to 7 p.m.
DINNER DANCE from 8 p.m.
SATURDAY, March 13th.—TEA DANCING from 4 to 7 p.m.
DINNER DANCE from 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, March 14th.—Orchestral Concerts during Tiffin and Afternoon Tea.

THE ADMIRAL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"ABERCOS"

having arrived from Portland, Ore. via ports, on March 10th, consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the Hazardous and/or Extra-Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Wharfed and stored at consignees' risk.

Consignees of cargo must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on March 15th, by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized. No claims will be recognized after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after March 17th, will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

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NOTICE.

National Loans of 3rd and 4th Year of the Republic.

Subscribers to the above loans are hereby notified that arrangements have been made to proceed with their redemption by a second drawing of the Fourth Year Loan and a third drawing of the Third Year Loan. The date of the drawings and of payment will be announced by the Ministry of Finance.

F. A. AGLEN,

Inspector General of Customs.
Inspectorate General of Customs.
Peking, 1st March, 1920.

KONINKLIJKE PAKETVAART MAATSCHAPPIJ.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship

"VAN WAERWYCK"

From SINGAPORE, PENANG, BELAWAN DELI.

having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo by her are notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 13th March 1920 will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 12th March 1920 at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN,
Agents.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1920.

G. R.

NOTICE.

TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

The Institute will re-open on Monday, the 8th March.

Students will be enrolled at the Education Office only, and should apply at once for entry forms.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1920.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG TRAMWAY COMPANY LIMITED.

(Incorporated in the United Kingdom)

NOTICE is hereby given that the Colonial (Hongkong) Register of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 16th March 1920, to WEDNESDAY, 17th April 1920, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

W. E. ROBERTS,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1920.

NOTICE.

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO. LTD.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 20th day of March, 1920, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1919 and declaring a Dividend.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY the 11th March, 1920 until SATURDAY, the 20th March, 1920, both days inclusive.

By order of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1920.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

The Thirty-sixth Ordinary annual Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria on THURSDAY the 18th March, 1920 at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1919, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from SATURDAY the 13th March 1920 until THURSDAY the 18th March 1920 both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.
General Managers.

NOTICE.

NEW FRENCH LOAN 5%.

Price of issue Frs 100
Redeemable at Frs: 150 in 60 years by half yearly drawings.

Interest payable on the 1st of May & 1st of November.
Drawings to take place on the 16th of March & the 16th of September of each year.
1st drawing on the 16th of September 1920. 1st coupon of Frs: 3.50 to be paid on the 1st of November 1920.

Subscriptions will be received up to the 10th of March next by the:

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE
L. Berindoague,
Manager.

NOTICE.

The Master, Owners and Agents of the U.S.S.B. steamer "West Kader" will not be responsible for debts contracted by the crew.

G. JOHNSON,

Master.

STRUTHERS & DIXON, INC.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1920.

NOTICE.

NEW FRENCH LOAN 5% 1920

Under the guarantee of the French Republic

The Local Branch of the BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE will receive subscriptions for the New French Loan 5% 1920 from the 19th instant to the 10th of March next.

The Loan is free of income tax and redeemable in 60 Years at 15% by half-yearly drawings, the interest coupons being payable on 1st May and 1st November of each year.

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Fr. 25.—on the 16th of July
Fr. 26.—on the 1st of August, 1920.

M. ROUET DE JOURNEL,
Manager.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1920.

NOTICE.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on Wednesday the 24th instant at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1919.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 10th to 24th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
General Agents.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1920.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Wednesday, the 10th March, 1920.

commencing at 11 a.m. at his Sale Rooms, Duddell Street 4 Iron Safes (more or less damaged by sea-water)

Terms: Cash on delivery
Geo. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Monday, the 15th, March 1920.

commencing at 11 a.m. at the China Merchant's Steam Navigation Co. Ltd's Godown, West Point.

(For account of the concerned)
999 Bags Brown Sugar
750 Cases Brown Sugar

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Wednesday the 10th March 1920.

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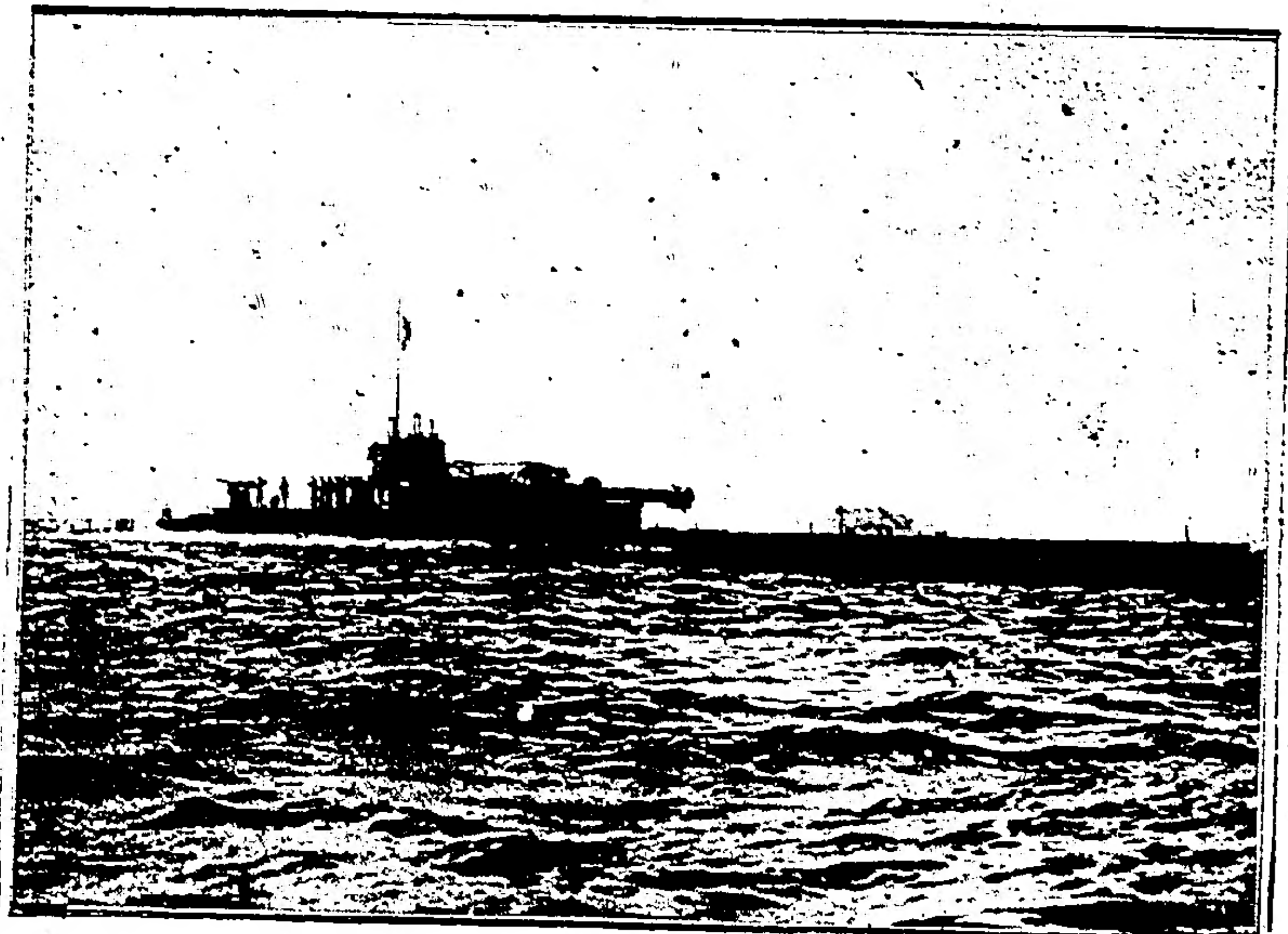
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TO-DAY'S PICTURES.



NEW BRITISH SUBMARINE MOUNTS 12-INCH GUN.

The new British submarine M-1, showing the twelve inch gun mounted on her deck. The rifle protrudes from a cocoon-like structure constructed on the deck of the sub. in front of the conning tower. The submersible is the most heavily armed undersea-boat in the world.



DIRECTING THE CZECH CAMPAIGN IN SIBERIA.

The Czecho-Slovak military council in Vladivostok. All movements of the Czecho-Slovak fighters are passed on by this group of military men.



DUKE D'AOSTA,

who was recently mentioned as likely to succeed the King of Italy should the latter abdicate.



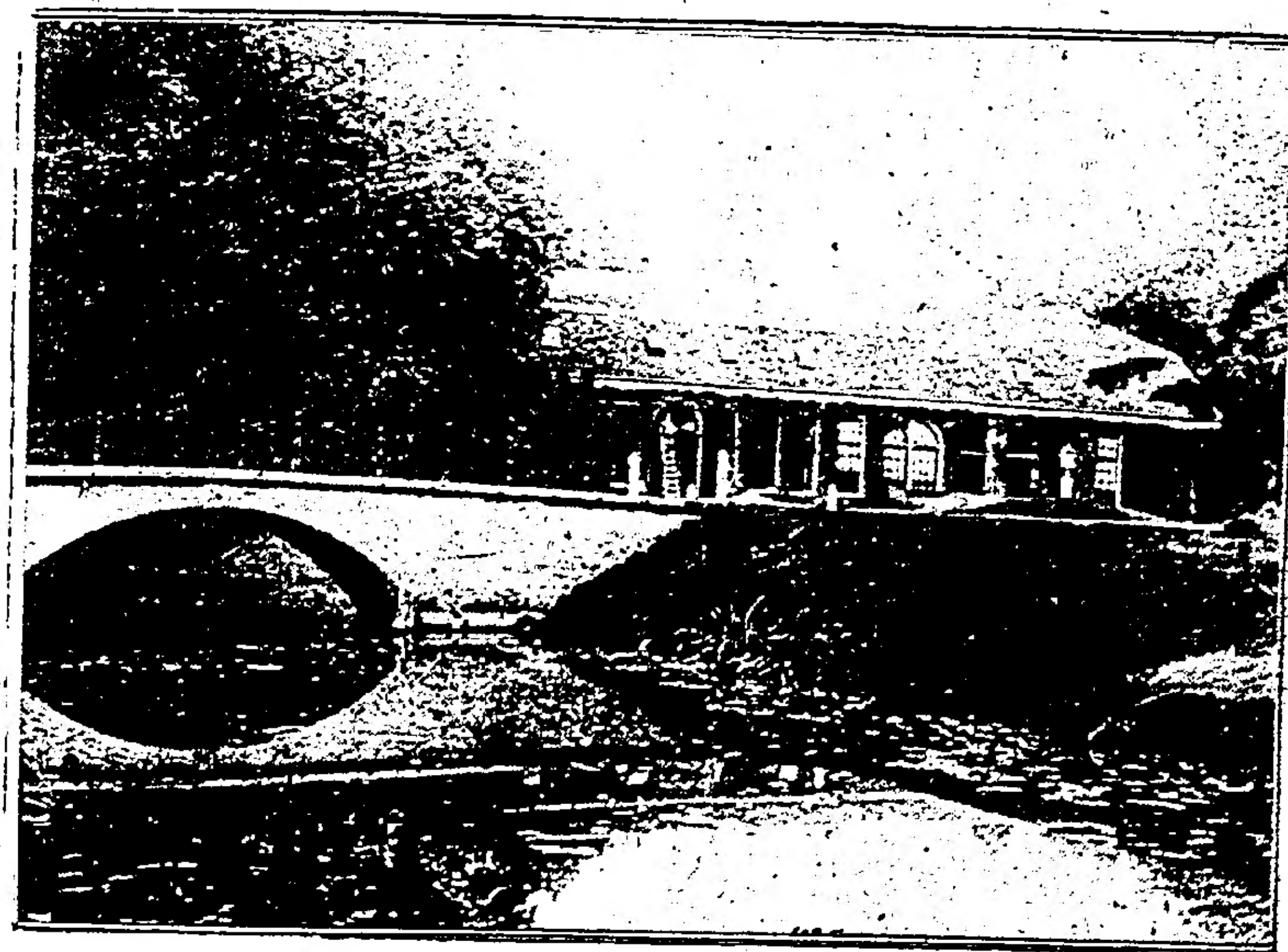
CARDINAL MERCIER BACK IN BELGIUM.

Photograph shows Cardinal Mercier during a visit to Rosierro, Belgium, where he marched in a children's parade and inspected youngsters who turned out to honour the patron saint of childhood.



EGYPT'S PREMIER.

Yussief Pasha, who recently narrowly escaped assassination.



KAISER MOVES TO NEW HOME IN HOLLAND.

The ex-Kaiser has acquired the ancient House of Doorn in Holland. The erstwhile Emperor has already moved many of his belongings and effects to Doorn and workmen have started to build a ten-foot wall around the property to shield him from the gaze of the curious.

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Cantons n.	330
North Chinas s.	t. 160
Unions s.	170
Yangtzes n.	260
Far Easterns n.	t. 19
Fire Insurances.	
China Fires n.	138
H. K. Fires b.	300
Shipping.	
Douglases b.	88
H.K. Steamboats b.	30
Indos (Pref.) n.	20
Indos (Def.) s.	200
Shells b.	220
Ferries s.	29
Refineries.	
Sugars b.	215
Malabons s.	43
Mining.	
Kailans b.	150/-
Langkats b.	t. 14 1/2
Shanghai Loans b.	t. 14 1/2
S'hai Explorations b.	t. 14 1/2
Raubs n.	1
Tronohs n.	50/-
Ural Caspians n.	30/-
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	
H.K. Wharves s.	85
K. Docks b.	150
S'hai Docks b.	112
N. Engineerings b.	t. 30
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.	
Centrals s.	107
H.K. Hotels b. & sa.	122
L. Invest. n.	107
H'phreys Est. sa.	7
K'loon Lands n.	50
L. Reclamations n.	133
West Points n.	58
Cotton Mills.	
Ewoe n.	t. 540
Kung Yiks b.	t. 49
Lau Kung Mows n.	t. 400
Oriental n.	t. 285
S'hai Cottons b.	t. 335
Yangtzepeeps b.	t. 34
Miscellaneous.	
Cements b. 7.70 sa.	7.40/60
China Borneos n.	17
Do. Light old sa.	7 1/4 new b 5 1/4
China Providents b.	7 1/4
Dairy Farms s.	21
Electric H. K. s.	88 c. r.
Electric Macao n.	34
Hongkong Ropes b.	25 1/2 s. 26
Hk. Tramways b.	6 s. 6 1/2
Peak Trams, old s.	6.90
Do. new n.	80 cts.
Steam Laundries b.	3 1/2
Steel Foundries n.	10
Water-boats b.	11
Watsons n. ex div.	6.20
Wm. Powells b.	15
Wisemans b.	27 1/2

Hongkong, Mar. 9, 1920.

WEATHER REPORT.

March 9d. 19h. 25m.—No returns from Japan, and Vladivostok. Pressure has decreased slightly over Amoy and the south coast of China, and increased slightly over the north coast. It is relatively overcast over Hongkong, and is relatively overcast over the coast.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.15 inch. Total since January 1st, 3.97 inches. Average for the month, 3.74 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong to Cap Rock	N. winds, moderate; rain.
2 Formosa Channel	N. winds, moderate.
3 South coast of China (b.)	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China (b.)	The same as No. 1.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.
Hongkong Observatory, Mar. 9, 1920.

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VESSELS ARRIVED.

The s.s. HAIMUN, from Haiphong brought yesterday 900 tons of rice and coal.—Mooring C 33.

The SUNNING, came from Shanghai yesterday afternoon with a load of 1,070 tons, 680 tons for through ports and 390 for Hongkong. She experienced during the voyage bad monsoon weather.—Mooring B 27.

The YUENSANG, a Jardine vessel, came in yesterday at noon with a general cargo from Manila. The weather, she reports, was foggy with moderate winds. She carried 664 bags of mails.—Mooring C 35.

The oil tanker, s.s. TECUMSEH, from San Francisco, brought 3,398 tons of kerosene oil for the North and 1,000 tons for the Colony. She is consigned to the Standard Oil Co. Ltd.

The WEST CAVANAL, consigned to the Admiral Line, has arrived from New York with many cases of cinematograph films. During the voyage a fireman on board the vessel was severely burnt.

The United States Shipping Board's MAQUAN arrived from Seattle yesterday evening with 350 tons of general cargo for the Colony.

The Norwegian boat PROSPER, brought yesterday from Saigon 2,492 tons of rice for the Colony. She experienced strong north-east monsoon with heavy sea.—Mooring C 44.

From Wuhu the Norwegian vessel the s.s. DRIEFAR, delivered here yesterday 2,200 tons of rice.—Mooring C 42.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous.	Day	On date	On date.
	at 6 a.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 6 p.m.
Barometer	29.93	29.93	29.88
Temperature	65	65	66
Humidity	90	90	90
Wind Direction	E	E	E
Force	3	2	3
Cloud	1	1	1
Pressure	0.01	0.02	0.00
Maximum Temperature on the day	84	84	86
Minimum	66	66	66

ELK O'Sullivan, Mar. 9, 1920.
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Shanghai and Japan—Per CAL CUTTA MARU, 16th Mar.
Australia & Manila—Per NIKKO MARU, 22nd Mar.

OUTWARD MAILS.

TO-MORROW.

Haiphong—Per JADE, 10th Mar. 8 a.m.
Hankow—Per FOCHOW, 10th Mar. 11 a.m.
Fort Bayard—Per WINGHANG, 10th Mar. noon.
Saigon—Per PROSPER, 10th Mar. 1 p.m.
Japan via Nagasaki and San Francisco—Per BONDOWO, 10th Mar. 3 p.m.
Saigon—Per FAUSANG, 10th Mar. 5 p.m.
Tourane—Per KWAI WAH, 10th Mar. 5 p.m.
Straits, Bangkok and Egypt—Per ANTILOCHUS, 10th Mar. 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, 11TH MARCH.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Takao—Per SOSHU MARU, 11th Mar. 8 a.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per SUNNING, 11th March, 10 a.m.
Shanghai, North China & Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO—Per TENYO MARU, 11th Mar., Reg. 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China & Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via VANCOUVER B.C.—Per EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, 11th Mar., Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Swatow and Bangkok—Per CHILDA, 11th Mar., 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, 12TH MARCH.

Philippine Islands—Per YUENSANG, 12th Mar., 2 p.m.
Hohow & Haiphong—Per TAK-SANG, 12th Mar., 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, 13TH MARCH.

Japan via Moa, Honolulu, San Francisco—Per ANYO M., 13th Mar., 11 a.m.
Weihaiwei and Tientsin—Per KUEICHO, 13th Mar., 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, 14TH MARCH.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung—Per AMAKUSA MARU, 14th Mar., 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 16TH MARCH.

Swatow and Bangkok—Per CHENG TU, 16th Mar., 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Fochow—Per HAIHONG, 16th Mar., noon.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH MARCH.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America & EUROPE via VICTORIA B.C.—Per FUSHIMI M., 17th Mar., Reg. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

FRIDAY, 19TH MARCH.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES—Per SHIDZUOKA, 19th Mar., Reg. 8.45 a.m. Letters 8.30 a.m.

TUESDAY, 23RD MARCH.

Japan via Nagasaki—Per NIKKO M., 23rd Mar., 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH MARCH.

Philippine Islands, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—Per TANGO M., 24th Mar., Reg. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

THURSDAY, 25TH MARCH.

Shanghai, North China & Japan via Kobe—Per TAMBA MARU, 25th Mar., 10 a.m.